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Title: Problems being faced by daily commuters due to change in train timings from Bellary, Karnataka.

SHRI G. KARUNAKARA REDDY (BELLARY): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Railway Minister to the problem being faced by the people in general, and the season ticket travelers, office goers and school going children, who are going on the train, in particular, due to change in train timings from Bellary in Karnataka.

The train timings of Amaravathi Express running between Vijayawada and Hubli have been changed consequent to the introduction of Howrah-Vasco Super Fast Train. Earlier, Amaravathi Express used to depart from Bellary at 7.25 a.m. which suits many commuters. But now this is changed to 5.20 a.m. This has caused severe problems not only to the season ticket travelers but also to the office goers and school going children who used this train to reach their destinations in time. I urge upon the Minister to change the timings of this train to earlier timings, that is, 7.25 a.m.

The last train in the day towards Hubli is now at 6.10 a.m., that is, Bangalore Hubli Link Express. It also causes great hardship and inconvenience to the daily travelers and the general public.

I would demand the hon. Railway Minister to do the following options to mitigate the inconvenience of train travelers:-

(i) Arranging for departure of Hampi Express, that is, Train No.6591/6592, from Bellary at 6.45 a.m. instead of 6.10 a.m.;

(ii) Advancing of departure of Bangalore-Hospet Passenger Train No.583/584 from Bellary at 8.00 a.m. instead of 10.45 a.m. by making up loose time; and

(iii) Restoration of Guntakal-Gadag Passenger Train. This train was running between Guntakal and Gadag before gauge conversion.[MSOffice104]

Even after the completion of gauge conversion, this train has not yet been restored till now. Keeping in view the problems being faced by the people, I urge upon the hon. Minister of Railways to look into the matter and take immediate steps in this regard for the benefit of the people of my constituency, Bellary in Karnataka.